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STEVENS, FREDERICK SYLVESTER, 1848
GENEALOGY OF THE STEVENS FAMILY,
FROM 1635 TO 1891,

TRACING THE VARIOUS BRANCHES
FROM THE EARLY SETTLERS IN AMERICA

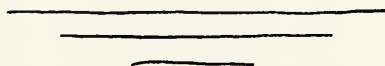
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1. Stevens family (Thomas Stevens, d. 1658)

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SYLVESTER STEVENS,

KNOXVILLE, ILL.,

Third child, Zadoc, No. 5.

THIS TRIBUTE OF AN AFFECTIONATE SON IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED

BY THE AUTHOR,

TO THE MEMORY OF HIS LOVING AND GENEROUS FATHER,

SYLVESTER STEVENS,

WHO WAS A NOBLE REPRESENTATIVE OF A LONG AND ILLUSTRIOUS LINE

OF CONNECTICUT ANCESTRY,

WHOSE GREATEST PRIDE WAS IN THAT GOODLY INHERITANCE,

THE HONORED NAME OF HIS FOREFATHERS,

AND WHOSE HIGHEST AMBITION WAS TO EMULATE THEIR EXAMPLE.

STEVENS FAMILY

By

Frederick S.Stevens

Bridgeport, Conn.

1891

P R E F A C E.

This very imperfect genealogy has been gathered into this present form for the purpose of holding fast and placing on record what dates and facts we have of the past and honored history of the STEVENS FAMILIES of New England. The subscriber has, after much time and correspondence, secured enough in the way of historical events to make an interesting beginning, so that others of the name may fill up the blank pages, take up the work where I leave off, and so make by rearranging and re-compiling the following record, with what may be added, a complete STEVENS genealogy, in which the numerous descendants of the New England ancestry may take a just and pardonable pride.

Although for many years it has been my earnest desire to write out and preserve my family's history, it is only within the past four years that I have come into the possession of the greater part of the historical contents of this book, through the kindness of Mr. THEO. D. ROGERS, of Norwalk, Conn., Mr. HIRAM STEVENS, of New Haven, Conn., and my sister, Mrs. SARAH S. STEVENS, of Danbury, Conn., enabling me to present this brief edition.

The old original deeds of the Stevens family of Danbury, Conn., the fac-similes of four of which appear in this first edition, and show the perfect state of preservation of the very ancient and valuable documents, were recorded (at least two of them,) as early as 1726-7, six years before the birth of Washington, 1732. These and many other valuable papers of our family are in the possession of Hiram Stevens, Esq., of New Haven. Personal recollections and family history, although dimmed by years of intervening events, are with this documentary and unimpeachable evidence, fully established.

FREDERICK S. STEVENS.

Bridgeport, Conn., January, 1891.

Having received many useful points and interesting papers in the past two years connected with the genealogy of the Stevens family from Theodore D. Rogers, Esq., of Norwalk, Conn., I was in hopes to still further enlist his valuable services towards enlarging this book, by having any useful information sent direct to him, or to myself, for his approval. I regret exceedingly that his failing eyesight forbids any further labors, as the following letter will explain.

F. S. S.

NORWALK, Nov. 25, 1890.

F. S. Stevens, Esq., Bridgeport, Ct.

Dear Sir:—I received to-day the proofs of your points in the Stevens Genealogy. I have added name [Joseph] of the 5th son of our ancestor Thomas Stevens, who died in Stamford, 1658. Joseph went with his brother to Hop Grounds [Bedford], but did *not* go to Danbury. He went somewhere, from Hop Grounds, after living there some 10 years, or died, for there is no mention of him in Records of Bedford or Westchester County *after* 1690.

I send you on the blank sheet my line of descent from Capt. Ebenezer Stevens, son of Benjamin, of Danbury.

Capt. Ebenezer removed from Danbury to New Fairfield, in 1740 or 1741, and was a prominent man there. He died about 1765 or 1766, leaving a widow [Esther]. She was his second wife. He left four sons and four daughters, viz: Ebenezer, Daniel, Hezekiah and Joseph, Mabel [mar. Wm. Porter,] Mary [mar. Anthony Wanzer,] Jemimah [mar. 1st Serajah Beardsley, and 2d, my ancestor David Barnum,] and Esther [mar. Alexander Fairchild.]

David Barnum, my ancestor, was son of Nathan Barnum, grandson of Francis Barnum and great-grandson of Thomas Barnum, one of the first eight settlers of Danbury.

David and Jemima [Stevens] Barnum had four sons and one daughter. Their son, Samuel Turner Barnum, married Alice Nash, and had one son and one daughter, David and Betsey. Betsey married my father, Col. Amzi Rogers.

This is far enough to bring down our line, perhaps, or my brother in Bridgeport could give you the names of us, the *present* generation, named Rogers, if you wish it.

Now I will give you the name of a Stevens, who, no doubt, can give you lots of Stevens information. He is a born genealogist. His name is Hiram Stevens, of New Haven; 4 or 5 years ago his address was 254 Bradley st., New Haven, and probably is there now. If not now there (254 Bradley st.) New Haven Directory would give his address. He is one of the Mill Plain branch, and knows more about *that* branch than any man living. If you can get into communication with him he can give you many points.

I notice that your circular directs persons to send their genealogies to you *or to me*. They had better all come to you; because, first, my eyesight is getting very poor, so that it bothers me a good deal to read much and makes it a very great task for me to write even a little, and second, because I have already done my full part in regard to the Stevens genealogy, discovering connections, facts and points before unknown. So you had really better have all such matter sent to yourself.

I think you will find Mr. Hiram Stevens of much assistance to you. If you should call on him, I think he could show you some old family deeds and documents.

Very truly yours,

T. D. ROGERS.

THE STEVENS FAMILY.

THE STEVENS FAMILY was very numerously represented in the early settlers of this country.

Among emigrants to "Barbadoes," in 1634, was a John Stevens. In those days emigrants to New England and Virginia from England had to take an oath of allegiance and [religious] conformity, before they were allowed to leave. In going to Barbadoes or Bermuda, these oaths were not required, consequently many emigrants shipped to Bermuda and Barbadoes, and *from there* came to Virginia and New England. The above John Stevens, a Rich^d Osborn, and two others, passengers by the ship *Hopewell*, for Barbadoes, Feb. 17, 1634, were shortly afterward all residing in Hingham, Mass., and the Rich^d Osborn above named came afterwards to New Haven, then to Fairfield, and is ancestor of most, if not all of the Osborns of Fairfield County. John Stevens may have also drifted this way from Hingham.

Robt Stevens, age 22, came to New England in 1634.

A Thos. Stevens, age 12, came to New England in 1635.

— A William Stevens, age 22, came to Virginia in 1635. —

A Matthew Stevens, age 12, came to Barbadoes in 1635.

An Alice Stevens, age 22, came to New England in 1635.

A Henry Stevens, age 24, came to New England in 1635.

— A Thomas Stevens, age 35, came to Virginia in 1635. —

A William Stevens, age 21, came to St. Christopher in 1635.

An Edward Stevens, age 53, came to Barbadoes in 1635.

A Phillippa, age 28, and Judith Stevens, age 19, came to St. Christopher in 1634.

A Richard Stephens was living at James City, Va., in 1623.

A John Stevens was living at Martin's Hundred, Va., in 1623.

A John Stevens, husbandman, of Ringwood, County Southampton, England, came to New England in 1639, by the ship *Virgin*.

A Thomas Stevens was a settler on the Kennebec River, in Maine, as early as 1624.

A John Stevens was a settler in Darien, [then Stanford,] in 1641. (See Hist. of Fairfield Co., pp. 693 and 697.) *May* have been father or brother of our Thomas.

A Capt. Thos. Stevens, who was born in 1650, lived at one time in Southampton, L. I., married Elizabeth Cook, and had several children.

Stevens's were numerous in Killingworth in 1684, and subsequently some also in Guilford and Stonington.

Of course, none of the foregoing are known to be connected with our Stevens family, but I have taken them from my notes thinking they might interest you.

I enclose a circular letter from a lady physician of Salt Lake City, a Miss Stevens, married to Barney, who is looking up the Stevens genealogy. She might give you points. I rather think she claims to be related to kings, popes, and even the martyr Stephen of the New Testament, as you will see. If you make new discoveries in Stevens genealogy, going *farther back* than I have, please communicate them to me.

Yours truly,

T. D. ROGERS, Norwalk, Ct.

OUR BRANCH OF THE STEVENS FAMILY.

FIRST GENERATION.

1.—THOMAS STEVENS,

(Progenitor of this Stevens family.)

Who died in Stamford in 1658, (in that part of Stamford which is now Darien,) had five sons, viz: Obadiah, Thomas, Benjamin, Ephraim, and Joseph.

Obadiah and Benjamin were each granted a house lot in 1676, by the town of Stamford, "for their services against the common enemy."

SECOND GENERATION.

2.—BENJAMIN STEVENS,

The third son of the above Thomas, in 1680, removed to a place called "Hop Grounds," now in the town of Bedford, Westchester Co., but which was then under the jurisdiction of the town of Stamford, and claimed by Stamford as a part of the town. About the same time, ancestors of the "Wildman" family, of Danbury, went from Norwalk or Darien to "Hop Grounds," (now Bedford). About 1700, at least previous to 1710, Benjamin Stevens and two Wildman brothers removed to Danbury.

Benjamin Stevens had four sons, who came with him to Danbury, probably all under age at that time. Dates of their birth cannot be given.

Benjamin's brother Joseph also went to Hop Grounds (Bedford), but did not go to Danbury, as Benjamin did.

Benjamin's sons were Ebenezer, Benjamin, Jr., Nathaniel and Thomas. Ebenezer settled in New Fairfield, about 1741, and

is the ancestor of the Stevens' of New Fairfield and some of the name in Brookfield. Thomas is the ancestor of the Stevens' that used to be in Mill Plain (Danbury), Ct.

[Mr. Rogers contributes the following respecting the descendants of Benjamin, son of Benjamin Stevens, 1st]:

His will [Danbury Probate Records,] was made March 19, 1749, and proved Nov. 19, 1766. The will mentions wife Elizabeth, sons Joshua, Benjamin and Caleb, daughters Rachel, Sarah [m. Bostwick,] and the children of his deceased daughter Elizabeth Graves.

Joshua died April 16, 1848, age 80; buried in Brookfield near the railroad.

This Benjamin's son [the 3d Benjamin Stevens,] married Anna Bearss, daughter of Josiah Bearss, of New Fairfield. He had several children, of whom I only know of one, Ajah.

This Benjamin and Anna died in the present town of Brookfield-- Benjamin died July 20, 1799, aged 88, and Anna died 1788. Both buried in Brookfield, near Housatonic Railroad.

Ajah died Sept. 20, 1801, aged 54. He made a will June 15, 1797, which was proved Nov. 20, 1797, and mentions wife Sarah, sons Joshua, Asa, Benjamin and daughters Anne, Sarah, Lucy and Rachel. Ajah and his father, Benjamin, are buried in a little burying ground in Brookfield, a little northwest of the Brookfield (Housatonic R. R.) depot.

One of Ajah's daughters married a Hodge, who resided near Ball's Pond in New Fairfield. Ajah's son Asa, was a blacksmith; settled in New Fairfield, and married a daughter of Jabez Elwell, whose house was a little west of Ball's Pond and was built on both sides of the line between New York and Connecticut. A daughter of Asa Stevens married Harvey Whitehead. One of their sons is now living in Redding.

Descendants of the Danbury Stevens family, of course, scattered everywhere. Quite early some of them settled in Patterson, N. Y., some in Peekskill, some in Poughkeepsie, etc., etc.

Of course there is ample proof that all of the Stevens name in Danbury, New Fairfield and Brookfield are of one stock.

THIRD GENERATION.

3.—NATHANIEL STEVENS,

Son of the above Benjamin, married Abigail Barnum, daughter of Thomas Barnum, the first white female child born in the Town of Danbury. They had six sons: Nathaniel, Jr., Nathan, Abraham, Timothy, John and Ezra, and two daughters, Ruth and Hannah.

He made a will at Danbury, Feb. 1, 1743, (which is on record at Fairfield,) in which he makes mention of the above children and a granddaughter Elizabeth Stevens, and his wife Ruth, and speaks of John Stevens and Ezra Stevens as "my youngest sons." He died not long after making his will, for the two youngest sons, John and Ezra, chose guardians on July 5, 1743, and the estate was distributed in April, 1743.

FOURTH GENERATION.

4.—EZRA STEVENS,

Son of the above Nathaniel, was born May 25, 1724, and was therefore about nineteen years old at the time of his father's death. He died Feb. 5, 1823, aged 98 years, 8 months and 10 days. He married, first, Ann Barnum, daughter of Benjamin Barnum, granddaughter of Richard Barnum and great-granddaughter of Thomas Barnum, who was one of the first eight settlers of Danbury, in 1684-5.

The children of Ezra Stevens and his first wife were:

Ezra, Jr., who married Abigail Fairchild.

Rachel, married Ezra Peck.

Samuel, married Esther Hoyt.

Eli, married Abigail Knapp.

Anna, married Paul Hamilton.

Forward, married Rachel Knapp, daughter of David Knapp.

Peter, married Phebe Booth, of Newtown.

Elijah, married Betsey Criss.

Anner, married John Hamilton, brother of her sister Anna's husband, Paul Hamilton.

Ezra Stevens' second wife was widow Elizabeth Burt, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Coe. Their only child was Zadoc Stevens.

Ezra Stevens was an officer of a Danbury company in the Revolutionary War. His son Eli was a private in the same company. (See mention of him, in this connection, in *History of Fairfield County*, pp. 193, 194.)

The following anecdote about Ezra Stevens is related by Mrs. Morris Bradley: When he was an old man, over 80, having been quite ill, a pious friend of his, Deacon Amos Hoyt, (perhaps a relative, as Ezra Stevens' mother was a Hoyt,) called on him, and in course of conversation, asked old Mr. Stevens if he had made his peace with God. "Made my peace with God?" said the old man, "No; why he and I have *always been* at peace. There has never been any difficulty between him and me." So Deacon Hoyt's exhortation was cut short off.

NORWALK, Jan. 6, 1891.

Friend Stevens:

I think I gave you note of the will of Nathaniel Stevens, of Danbury, (son of the 1st Benjamin,) dated Feb. 1, 1742-3, and recorded at Fairfield. That will speaks of John and Ezra Stevens as his "two youngest sons." I also informed you that Ezra Stevens married for 1st wife, Ann, daughter of Benjamin Barnum; but I did not know what became of John Stevens, brother of Ezra. Now, I have lately found, that John married Lydia, daughter of Benjamin Barnum, and the sister of his brother Ezra's wife, Ann. This appears from the will of Benjamin Barnum, dated Jan. 9, 1779 (Danbury Probate Records), which mentions his daughter Lydia—without saying whose wife she is—and the heirs of his daughter Ann, deceased, late wife of Ezra Stevens.

Now, later, his widow dies (same year it seems) without a will; but the distribution of her estate mentions the same six children mentioned in her husband's will—speaks of heirs of her daughter

Ann, late wife of Ezra Stevens, and of her daughter Lydia, wife of John Stevens. That shows conclusively that John married sister of his brother Ezra's wife, daughters of Benjamin Barnum, granddaughters of Deacon Richard Barnum of Danbury, and great granddaughters of the original Thomas Barnum.

And I am able also now, I think, to show where John and Lydia (Barnum) Stevens went to, or at least where they were living in 1785. There is recorded in Danbury (Book 1st of Deeds, pages 466-7), a deed from John Stevens and Lydia, his wife, of Lee, Berkshire Co., Mass., to Eleazor Barnum and Olive Barnum, of Danbury, of certain land, etc. This Lydia (Barnum) Stevens had a sister Olive Barnum, as appears by will of Benjamin, and distribution of his widow; and no doubt this deed was made to her sister Olive, of land inherited from their father. I had always wondered what became of John Stevens, brother of Ezra, and this, I think, shows who he married and where he went to. I thought you would like to know; and may be there are now Stevens' in Berkshire Co., descended from John and Lydia (Barnum) Stevens.

Yours truly;

T. D. ROGERS.

FIFTH GENERATION.

5.—ZADOC STEVENS,

An Associate Judge of the Court, and an honored Representative of the town of Danbury in the State Legislatures of 1824 and 1825, son of the above Ezra Stevens, was born in Danbury, Nov. 8, 1777, and died at Knoxville, Illinois, July 13, 1838.

Zadoc married Phebe White, daughter of Thomas Philip White and cousin of Col. E. Moss White, of Danbury.

Their children were :

Mary Ann, born _____, married Morris S. Bradley.

Thomas Philip, born _____, married Rebecca Peck.

Sylvester, born 1804, married Angeline Starr.

Jerusha, born _____, married Alvah Wheeler.

Angeline, born _____, married Jacob D. Frost.

Zadoc, Jr., born _____, married Pauline Fanton, and

for his second wife, Ann Barnes.

Epaphras Bull, born _____, married Nancy Pantow,
sister of Pauline.

Frederick, born _____, married Sally Rice, of Hen-
derson, Illinois.

Charles Lewis, born _____ married Matilda Roberts.

In connection with the history of Ezra Stevens, the follow-
ing respecting the corporate infancy of Connecticut, from the
N. Y. Herald of Nov. 16, 1890, will be of interest to the mem-
bers of our family and others :

The State had only four years before started out under its constitution of 1818,
still existing, but greatly amended. There were only 12 Senators and 206 mem-
bers of the House, representing 130 towns, against 249 members and 168 towns
represented in the last Legislature [1889].

Oliver Wolcott was Governor, and Ralph I. Ingersoll, Speaker of the House.
Senators were paid \$2 and Representatives \$1.50 per day. There were no legisla-
tive journals nor printed copies of bills, nor desks for the members to write upon.
The men who sought legislative honors in those days were the leading men of
Connecticut, and of the gentlemen who served in 1824 and 1825, one became a
United States Senator, six became Governors of Connecticut, six Members of Con-
gress, one United States Minister to the Court of Russia, and thirty-four others
obtained high honors in the administration of State affairs.

The following epitaph, copied from the tombstone of Hen-
Zadock Stevens, at Knoxville, Illinois, was written by a friend,
James W. Nichols, of Danbury, Ct. (See History of Fairfield
County, p. 266.)

ZADOCK STEVENS.

Died July 13, 1838,

Aged 60 years, 8 months.

From early youth to diligence inclined,
He rose to merit, by the force of mind ;
Sound sense, decision, perseverance strong
Sustained him nobly through the world along.

In action fearless, powerful in debate,
He grac'd the councils of his native State ;
His sterling talents and exalted worth
Shed brighter radiance 'round the social hearth.

ZADOC STEVENS,

Born Nov. 8, 1777, died July 13, 1838.

Phebe White, born July 30, 1776, deceased Oct. 4, 1865.

They were married Oct. 5, 1800.

Their children were

Mary Ann, born Sept. 27, 1801, married Morris S. Bradley, Sept. 8, 1822.

Thomas Phillips, born Jan. 22, 1803, died Oct. 2, 1827, married Rebecca Peck, Oct. 25, 1826.

Sylvester, born Sept. 12, 1804, died June 15, 1878, married Angeline Starr, Jan. 25, 1827.

Jerusha, born Sept. 24, 1806, married Alvah Wheeler, Oct. 26, 1826.

Angeline, born March 5, 1809, married J. D. Frost, April 14, 1839.

Zadoc W., born Sept. 26, 1810, married first Paulina Fanton, March, 1832, who died June 14, 1836; and married second Ann Barnes, Jan. 1, 1842.

Epaphras Booth, born June 24, 1812, married Hancy Fanton, Sept. 11, 1833.

Joseph Frederick, born Aug. 24, 1714, married Sally Rice, Nov. 4, 1845.

Charles Lewis, born Nov. 21, 1816, married Matilda Roberts, May 9, 1841.

The above accurate data were found among my father's papers, after this book had gone to the bindery, necessitating the insertion of this extra leaf.

The name of Epaphras Bull, son of Zadoc, in the first printed page is incorrect. It is as above printed, Epaphras Booth.

NOTE.—Lieut. Ezra Stevens, father of Zadoc, married Elizabeth How, instead of Elizabeth Coe, as printed on a preceding page.

At last in strangers land death comes unfear'd,
Where o'er his tomb this humble stone is reared,
Relying firm on God's impartial grace,
Resigned his breath and clos'd his earthly race.

A native of Danbury, Ct.

SIXTH GENERATION.

6.—SYLVESTER STEVENS,

Third child of Zadoc No. 5, was born in Danbury, Ct., Sept. 12, 1804, married Angeline Starr, January 25, 1827, and died at Knoxville, Ill., June 15, 1878.

Their children were :

Helen Augusta, born Oct. 30, 1827, married Granville Taylor, of Danbury, Ct.

Mary White, born March 9, 1829, married Nathan Goodell, of Knoxville, Ill.

Sarah, born Sept. 28, 1834, married George Parcells, and 2d husband, Erastus Stevens, of Danbury, Ct.

Two children born, who died in infancy, and were buried in Westport cemetery.

Frederick Sylvester, born June 22, 1848, married Anna May Gaylord, of Bridgeport, Ct.

GOLDEN WEDDING OF SYLVESTER STEVENS NO. 6.

FATHER OF FREDERICK S. STEVENS, NO. 7.

From the Knox Republican.

KNOXVILLE, ILLINOIS, January, 1877.

GOLDEN TIES.

The fiftieth marriage anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Sylvester Stevens was celebrated at the City Hall in this city, on the evening of January 25th, 1877.

A large number of our most estimable citizens, together with many friends from abroad, assembled at an early hour to do honor to and participate in the celebration.

After the public or formal reception, the Rev. Mr. Wadell, as spokesman of the company, presented the Doctor and his *Bride* the numerous golden evidences of their love and esteem, to which the Doctor replied as follows :

My friends and fellow citizens :

"There is an ancient Hebrew proverb which tells us 'that from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh,'

"My present experience proves that there may be exceptions to this proverb as a rule, for surely my heart was never so full to overflowing with grateful emotions, struggling for utterance as now, and yet I never felt so sensibly the poverty of language to express my gratitude and thankfulness to my numerous friends here assembled, for this bountiful outpouring of goodness and noble generosity."

After the Doctor had tendered his heartfelt thanks to his friends in his own inimitable and happy manner, he referred to the family history, which we reprint in full, as it will interest thousands of New England descendants.

The youthful couple whose fiftieth marriage anniversary you this evening celebrate, were born in Danbury, Conn. Mrs. Stevens (Angeline Starr), July 4, 1805, and myself, September 12, 1804.

Both families of our ancestors were of "simon pure" Puritanic stock ; both families being among the first settlers of the town of Danbury, in the year 1687.

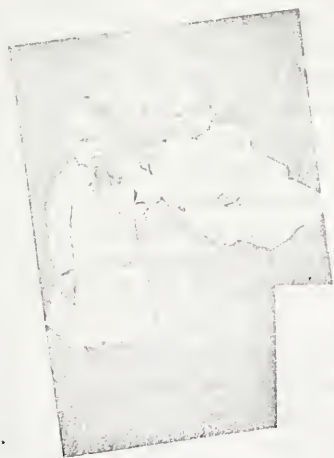
My great-grandmother (Abigail Barnum) was the first child born in the Colony, in the year 1688. My grandfather, Lieut. Ezra Stevens, a commissioned officer in the Revolutionary War, was born in Danbury, April 24, 1724, and died February 24, 1823.

My father, Zadoc Stevens, was born in Danbury, Nov. 8, 1777, and died in this city, July 13, 1838.

My mother was a White, daughter of Thomas P. White, of Danbury, and granddaughter of Rev. Ebenezer White, the second Congregational preacher in the town of Danbury ; he presided over the church many years, and was the great-grandson of Thomas White, one of the passengers and head of a family of the Whites who came over in the Mayflower.

Mrs. Stevens, my better half, was a Starr, daughter of Zadoc Starr. Her ancestors settled in the south part of the town of Danbury, then the parish of Bethel, now a town. Mrs. Stevens' grandfather on the maternal side, was a Scotchman, Mr. John McLean, who emigrated in about 1750, engaged in mercantile business, in which he was very successful and acquired much wealth. He received the appointment of U. S. Commissary in the War of the Revolution, and had collected a large quantity of military stores in Danbury, consisting generally of pork, flour and clothing, which was stored in the old Ediscopal Church, a few rods from Mr. McLean's store and residence. In the month of April, 1777, the British being informed of this deposit by the "blue light Tories," landed on the Connecticut shore 26 miles south of Danbury, 2000 light infantry from their shipping on Long Island Sound. They marched to our town which they burned, together with all the military stores. As it was deemed by them a sacrilegious act to burn a Church of England edifice, the pork and flour was rolled into the street, and the clothing piled upon it and burned. The old church building is still standing.

Mrs. Stevens' father and mother lived to the advanced age of 96 years, and she is the only living representative of the family of nine children.



MINER G. FERRIS ALCOTT.



FREDRICK W.
LOUISE MAY, NELLIE STARR.



ANNA M. [GAYLORD] STEVENS.

FREDRICK S. STEVENS & FAMILY,
BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

7.—FREDERICK S. STEVENS,

Born in Danbury, Conn., June 22, 1848, son of Sylvester No. 6, and grandson of Zadoc, No. 5, and a great-grandson of Lieut. Ezra Stevens.

Frederick S. Stevens is a member of the Scientific and Historical Societies, Past Master of Corinthian Lodge, No. 104, F. & A. M., a Director and the Secretary of the Masonic Temple Association of Bridgeport, a member of the General Assembly, 1891 and '92, from Bridgeport.

Married, June 22, 1876, Anna May Gaylord, born in Terryville, Ct., May 22, 1855, daughter of Edward L. Gaylord, son of Ransom, grandson of Lot and Sarah Allen. And Mary Gaylord (Miner), daughter of David Miner and Emma Kennedy, granddaughter of David and Mary Bishop.

Their children were :

Edward Gaylord, died in infancy.

Sylvester Taylor, died in infancy.

Louise May, born Oct. 10, 1880.

Frederick William, born Dec. 8, 1882, died, aged six and a half years.

Nellie Starr, born March 28, 1884.

Miner Gaylord, born March 24, 1887.

Ferris Alcott, born March 27, 1888.

HELEN AUGUSTA,

Daughter of Sylvester Stevens, No. 6, married Granville Taylor, Sept. 30, 1847.

Their children were :

Emma V., died Dec. 17, 1856.

Granville Edward, born Sept. 30, 1851.

Nellie A., born Dec. 5, 1854, and died July 20, 1870.

Edward married Dora Leach, whose great-grandmother was a Stevens; her grandmother, Elizabeth Peck.

Their children are Mona and Ernest.

MARY WHITE,

Second daughter of Sylvester Stevens, married Nathan Goodell, of Knoxville, Illinois.

Their children are:

Henry, married Laura Cook, of Burlington, Iowa.

George, married Ardelle Whittaker, of Waterloo, Iowa.

Clarence, married Mary M. Palmer, of Bridgeport, Ct.

Mary Helen, unmarried.

Henry's children are, Edna and Harry.

George's children are, Romaine Whittaker and Mary Stevens.

Clarence's child, Paul Palmer.

SARAH,

Third daughter of Sylvester Stevens, married first, George Parcells, of Newark, N. J.

Their children were, Angeline and Harry.

Married for her second husband, Erastus Stevens, son of David Stevens and grandson of Forward Stevens.

Their children were, David Franklin and Helen May.

Angeline or Lina married Rufus Y. Rockwell, of Danbury.

Their child is Harry Sanford Rockwell.



JERUSHA [STEVENS] WHEELER,
WACO, TEX.,

Fourth child, Zadoc, No. 5.

ANGELINE [STEVENS] FROST,
DANBURY, CONN.,

Fifth child, Zadoc, No. 5.

MARY ANN [STEVENS] BRADLEY,
DANBURY, CONN.,

First child, Zadoc, No. 5.

CHILDREN OF ZADOC STEVENS, No. 5.

SIXTH GENERATION.

MARY ANN STEVENS,

The first child of Zadoc Stevens, No. 5, married Morris Bradley, had several children, of whom but two have children.

Tallman married a Miss Alexander, has one son by the name of Alexander, and daughter Celia, who married Charles Monroe.

Sarah married Alexander Hall, of New Haven; had two sons, Morris and Charles.

Morris has a daughter Sarah.

Charles married Emma Stevens, daughter of Frederick Stevens, 1st son of Zadoc, No. 5.

Also three other daughters, date of birth unknown.

THOMAS PHILIP,

Second child of Zadoc, No. 5, married Rebecca Peck.

SYLVESTER,

Third child of Zadoc. [See Sylvester, No. 6, p. 15.]

JERUSHIA,

Daughter and fourth child of Zadoc, No. 5, wife of Alvah Wheeler, had seven children: LeRoy, Elizabeth, Mary, Frederick, Helen, Lavantia and Alta.

They married and settled in Illinois, afterwards in Texas, the four daughters marrying four brothers by the name of Congor. Their children are settled in Waco, Texas, or thereabouts.

LeRoy settled in Missouri, Frederick in Texas.

ANGELINE,

Fifth child and daughter of Zadoc, No. 5, married J. D. Frost.

Their children were, Harriet and George.

Harriet married James Leach, of Fairfield, and George, Ruana Solmons, near New York State.

Harriet has three children; a daughter married Geo. Hyatt, lives in Danbury; two sons unmarried, living in Pembroke.

ZADOC STEVENS, JR.,

Sixth child of Zadoc, No. 5, dead.

His first wife was Pauline Fanton; ^{Two} ~~one~~ child, Catherine.

Second wife was Ann Barnes. ^{SALINA + PAULINE}

Their children were:

Charles ^{Served} ~~Lewis~~, born ^{CATHERINE}, served in the Union Army during the War of the Rebellion; dead.

Sarah, born ; dead.

Lucy Ann, born

Sylvester, born

George, born

Now reside in Chicago.

EPAPHRAS BULL,

Seventh child of Zadoc, No. 5; married Nancy Fanton.

Epaphras' child, Harriet, married William Stratton; had six children.

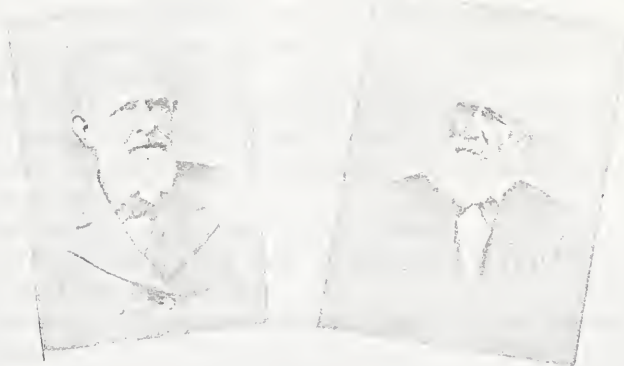
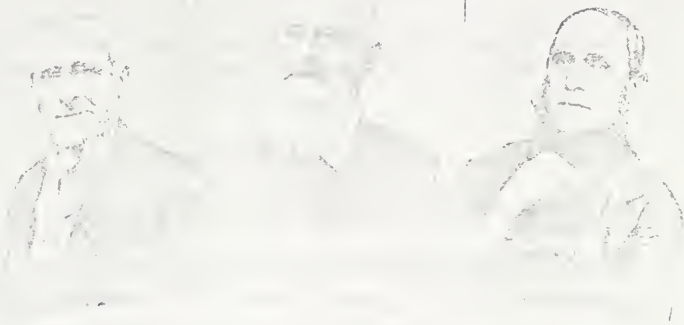
The sons, Ward, William and Robert, are settled in Hancock Co., Illinois, town of Bowen.

The daughters are married and settled in Nebraska. The daughters names were Harriet, Helen and Mabel.

FREDERICK STEVENS,

Eighth child of Zadoc, No. 5, married Sally Rice, of Illinois.

Their children were: Pheba, Mary, Emma, Ella, Eva, Zadoc and Onslow.



EPAPHRAS B. STEVENS,
ILLINOIS,
Seventh child, Zadoc, No. 5.

SYLVESTER STEVENS,
KNOXVILLE, ILL.,
Third child, Zadoc, No. 5.

CHAS. L. STEVENS,
LINCOLN, NEB.,
Ninth child Zadoc, No. 5.

FREDRICK STEVENS,
FARMINGTON, ILL.,
Eighth child, Zadoc, No. 5.

ZADOC STEVENS, JR.,
BURLINGTON, IOWA,
Sixth child, Zadoc, No. 5.

The two sons settled in Farmington, Ill.

Mary died young.

Pheba settled in Nebraska or Kansas.

Ella and Eva are unmarried, and Emma the wife of Charles Bradley, of Danbury.

CHARLES LEWIS STEVENS,

Ninth child of Zadoc, No. 5, married Matilda Roberts; had two children, Theodore and Mary, settled in Lincoln, Nebraska; unmarried.

FORWARD STEVENS,

Son of Ezra, No. 4, by his first wife, had two sons, David and Ezra, twin brothers.

David married Lydia Sturges of Wilton, settled in Pembroke.

Their children were: Pheba, Erastus, Hannah, Henrietta, John, Sophia, Ann, Edward, and Irving.

Edward and Irving both served in the War of the Rebellion.

Pheba married Wyllis Roberts of New York State, and removed to DeKalb Co., Ill.

They had two children, Salina and David, both married and have families. Reside in Creston, DeKalb Co.

Erastus married Sarah Stevens, daughter of Sylvester; settled in Danbury.

Their children are Franklin and Helen May.

This Franklin is the only male descendant of Forward Stevens bearing the Stevens name.

Hannah married Alfred Kimball of Illinois, and now resides in Danbury.

Their children were, Sarah, Erastus and Kate.

Erastus is married; no children.

Henrietta married Russell Hoyt, of Danbury.

Their children are Howard and Ellen, both unmarried.

John married Catherine Goodsell, of Newtown; no children.

Sophia and Ann are unmarried.

Irving has no children.

Edward has two daughters, Henrietta and Susan.

Henrietta married Orrin Barnum, of New Fairfield.

They have four children, three sons and a daughter; reside in Danbury.

Ezra's children were, Philander, Elbert, Sally, Rachel, and Eliza.

Elbert died without children.

Philander, a daughter, married Mr. Beal, of Danbury; they have one son, Elbert.

Sally died unmarried.

Eliza married Jarvis Hull, of Danbury, died leaving a daughter, Henrietta, who married Reuben Pearce. They resided in Danbury; no children.

Jarvis Hull afterward married Rachel Stevens, and has three unmarried daughters.

A sister of Forward Stevens, Rachel, married Elias Stevens, of New Fairfield, leaving numerous descendants.

Elias and Rachel's son Ezra, was a representative in the Legislature from Brookfield.

His sons, James and Elias, were both killed; one murdered in Texas, the other killed at home by the kick of a horse.

Another son of Elias and Rachel, George Stevens, kept a hat store in Syracuse, in 1843, and afterwards mayor of Syracuse.

Another sister, Lucy, married Denning Stevens, of a family in Vermont; no relation that is known of.

Their children were, Daniel and Hiram.

Daniel has daughters.

Hiram has one son, Herbert, married and has children living in Southeast, near Brewster's.

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CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF FREDERICK STEVENS, No. 6, [SON OF ZADOCK No. 5.]

Of Farmington, Ill.

1. Phoebe, lives in Pawnee City, Nebraska, born Dec. 12, 1846, married David G. Meeker, Sept. 6, 1869. Their children were:

Lillian, born April 10, 1871, died Oct. 25, 1881.

Allie, born August 17, 1872.

Lottie, born January 20, 1875.

Frederick S., born January 15, 1877.

Dean N., born April 2, 1879.

Mary, born Nov. 29, 1881.

Charles H., born April 24, 1884, died Oct. 29, 1885.

2. Mary, born died

3. Zadock Philip, lives in Farmington, Ill., born April 25, 1851, married, first, Lizzie Orton, Feb. 22, 1875. They had one child, Gertrude, born July 5, 1876. Married, second, Hattie Rogers, Dec. 15, 1886. Their children are

Millie, born Dec. 1887, and Ernest, born Dec. 1889.

4. Alonzo, born died age 14 mos.

5. Onslow S., lives in Trivoli, Ill., born Jan. 6, 1856, married Hattie Orton, cousin of Zadock's first wife, March 5, 1881. Their child is Maud Angeline, born April, 1886.

6. Ella B., born Sept. 18, 1858, lives in Pawnee City, Neb., married Even Davis, Sept. 9, 1880. Their children are

Mabel C., born Sept. 29, 1881.

Olin L., born March 29, 1886.

Melvin Even, born Aug. 19, 1890.

7. Emma A.,* born May 12, 1861, lives in Danbury, Conn., Pembroke District, married Charles Bradley, Sept. 10, 1884.

8. Eva L., born Nov. 25, 1863. Farmington, Ill.

* Mrs. Bradley furnished these items and dates of her father's family.

IRA STEVENS,

One of the Stevens family who settled Mill Plain, married Rachel Peck. They had six children, all dying without heirs, save Ezra and Frederick.

William W. Stevens, grandson of Ira and son of Ezra, the only living representative bearing the Stevens name in this branch, resides in Danbury; no heirs.

Frederick's daughter married Charles Jackson, left two sons, Charles and Frederick. One resides somewhere in New Jersey, and one in Bridgeport.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., Dec. 20th, 1890.

Mr. Stevens:

My granddaughter informs me that you would like my genealogy of the Stevens family. I send for your perusal the meagre amount I have. You will observe that it is only a direct line of the two families—my husband's and my own—we were both Stevens'. If you could obtain some papers of the late Eliphalet Stevens' family, I think you could get more information on the subject than I am able to give. Miss Bessie Stevens once told me she thought her father, John Stevens, had the genealogy of the family, far back.

Should you at any time learn anything further and will convey the intelligence to me, you will confer a favor on

MRS. I. P. STEVENS.

NICHOLIS STEVENS (OR STEPHENS,)

Who had been a brigadier general in Oliver Cromwell's Army, came to Taunton, in Massachusetts, in the year 1669. He had three sons, Nicholas, Thomas and Henry.

Nicholas settled in Taunton, or Dughton, and his son Nicholas resided there with his family. One of his sons, according to the best information to be obtained, settled near Boston; his name was supposed to be either Thomas or Ebenezer.

Henry Stevens was 16 years old when he came to America; he married Elizabeth Gallup, daughter of Capt. John Gallup, who was killed in the swamp fight with the Indians in Rhode Island, Dec. 19, 1675.

Henry settled in Stonington, Ct.; he had three sons, Thomas, Richard and Henry, called "Tom, Dick and Harry," and two daughters, Elizabeth and Lucy.

Thomas married Mary Hall, and settled in Plainfield, Conn. They had seven sons, Thomas, Phineas, Uriah, Andrew, Benjamin, Samuel and Zebulon. By his second wife, Abigail Wynn, he had one son, Jesse, who died young. Thomas died in Canaan, Ct., in 1750, aged 72 years.

Richard had one son named John, who lived and died in Hartford, and left no children; also another son who lived in New Marlborough, Mass., by the name of Ebenezer.

Ebenezer had three sons, Richard, Ebenezer and John, one daughter who died young, and one who married Artemus Brookins.

Richard had a daughter named Mary, who married a man by the name of Wilden or Welden, and settled in the eastern part of Massachusetts; also one daughter who married her cousin Uriah Stevens, and one married Walter Hewitt, of Stonington, Conn.

Henry had three sons, Henry, Jedediah and Simeon, and four daughters, Mary, Lucy, Elizabeth and Thankful.

Simeon married and settled in Stonington, Conn.; had four sons, Simeon, Jared, Abel and Roswell, and three daughters, Hannah, Elizabeth and Anna.

Zebulon Stevens married Mariam Fellows, and settled in Canaan; they had four sons, Thomas, Jonathan, Benjamin and ✓ Zebulon, and two daughters, Johannah and Racheal. For his second wife he married his cousin Thankful Stevens, or widow of James Partridge.

Benjamin Stevens married Esther Rowson, and settled in Canaan, Ct.; they had three sons, Guy, Arthur and Richard, and four daughters, Daphne, Jane, Dulana and Adelia. Guy and Dulana died young.

Richard Stevens married Sarah or Sally Foster; they had three daughters, Esther, Susan and Adelia.

Abel Stevens married Bridget Palmer, and moved on horse-back from Stonington to Canaan and settled in the wilderness. They had seven daughters, Polly, Betsey, Lydia, Eunice, Bridget, Priscilla and Tryphenia, and three sons, Sanford, Palmer, and Gilbert.

Palmer lived in Canaan, and married Mary Williams. They had two sons, Ichabod and Smith, and one daughter, Mary.

Ichabod married Susan Stevens, and lived in Canaan. They had two daughters, Sarah and Ella, and one son, Frederick. Ella died young.

Frederick married Celestia Seeley; they have one daughter, Libbie, born _____, and one son, Frederick, born _____.

[I have found by tracing this line of the Stevens family, that Thomas and Henry were brothers, and their sons, Simeon and Zebulon, 1st cousins; and their sons, Abel and Benjamin, 2d cousins; their sons, Richard and Palmer, 3d cousins, which brings their children, Ichabod and Susan, 4th cousins.

Ichabod's family are descendants from Henry Stevens, and Susan's family from Thomas Stevens: while Richard's family are lost trace of.]

My grandfather, Benjamin Stevens, was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army. He, with many others, was taken prisoner, and marched to the "Cedars," in lower Canada, where they were confined in a fort. I have often heard him relate a dream he had, which he told to his fellow-soldiers in the morning. He dreamed they were taken prisoners and confined in a fort nine days, when they released. After they were taken and while on the march, he said: "This ground looks very familiar to me, just as it did in my dream." After they were confined in the fort at the Cedars, he said to the soldiers: "Now, if my dream comes to pass, we shall be released after nine days," and they were. They suffered much with hunger

and cold, having been kept nine days on one days' rations. They were robbed of their clothing and given an Indian's blanket for covering. Once they saw an Indian with a fire-brand in his hand to set fire to the fort, when a French officer knocked it out of his hand. My grandfather afterward was Assistant Commissary and stationed at Hartford. I have some of his books where he kept account of food received and forwarded and to whom. One of which I would give to the Historical Society, if I knew they would like to have one. I have also a \$50 bill of genuine Continental money, which I would not like to part with. I would be much gratified at receiving the book you are preparing of the Stevens' family. I must think you belong somewhere in our line of Stevens'. A cousin of mine says our Stevens' family are the most persistent in tracing out their genealogy of any family she ever knew.

With many thanks,

Yours truly,

Mrs. I. P. STEVENS.

Here is also a copy which I obtained from one of the descendants of Thomas Stevens, but it is so disconnected that I can give but little information as regards the direct line of descendants. I send it to you and perhaps you will understand something about it.

MRS. I. P. STEVENS.

THOMAS STEVENS' CHILDREN

Were Thomas, Phineas, Uriah, Andrew, Samuel, Benjamin and Zebulon.

Samuel was killed by Indians.

Benjamin settled in North Carolina.

Zebulon settled in Canaan and married Mariam Fellows.

Andrew married Esther Safford and settled in Canaan.

John, son of Andrew and Esther Safford Stevens, married Phebe How. He was a captain in the Revolutionary Army, raised a company in his own town, was taken captive at the Cedars in Lower Canada, and held as a hostage three years. He was an intimate friend and companion of Ethan Allen. He died in Washington, Berkshire Co.

Mary Stevens married Thomas Dickenson, in Norfolk, Ct. She was killed by lightning, and the gold beads on her neck were melted by the heat. Hon. Daniel Dickenson was her grandson.

Safford Stevens married Hannah Wells, and is supposed to have settled in Vermont.

Esther Stevens married Peter Hatch.

Amy Stevens married Oliver Jewell of Salisbury, Ct., where many of their descendants now live.

Andrew Stevens, Jr., married Cynthia Brownell.

Dorothy Stevens died young.

Nathaniel Stevens married Phebe Montague, and for his second wife, Amy Whiting, a native of Plainfield.

Stephen Stevens died young.

Oliver Stevens married Nancy Chittenden, lived in the State of New York, where his descendants now live.

Desire Stevens married Ebenezer Waterhouse.

Olive Stevens married Samuel McClary.

Thomas and Mary Stevens Dickenson's children :

Louis, married John Woodman.

Thomas married Sally Turner.

Daniel married Mary Calkins.

John married Tryphenia Wilson.

Nathaniel and Oliver not known.

Charles Frederick married Abigail Jones.

Charles is supposed by the record to be one of Thomas Dickenson's children.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 22, '91.

F. S. Stevens, Bridgeport, Conn.

Dear Sir :—You may think I have taken a long time to make out my list of families, and it was more than I thought ; but I have them ready for inspection, and if they are not explicit enough will correct them. You can call at your convenience. If you prefer to stop on your way down from Hartford, I would be home soon after five o'clock. Shall probably be home to-morrow and Saturday evenings, also Monday evening.

Very respectfully yours,

HIRAM STEVENS,

498 Orange St., New Haven, Conn.

THOMAS STEVENS, 2d.—BRANCH.

Youngest son of Benjamin Stevens, who first came to Danbury, settled in Mill Plain, and had one son, Thomas, Jr., born 1720, and we have no mention of other children. He married Esther ———, 1740, and had nine children : Thomas, Jr., 3d, born 1741 ; Esther, born 1743 ; Eliphalet, born 1745 ; James, born 1747 ; Lois, born 1749 ; Jonathan, born 1752 ; Mary, born 1754 ; Julia, born 1758 ; Samuel, born 1763, and died the same year.

Mary died 1777.

Thomas, Jr., the father, died 1791, aged 71 years. Esther, his wife, died 1799.

Lydia died 1799.

Esther, the oldest daughter, married Timothy Ruggles, but have no record of their family.

Thomas lived in the house which now stands next west of the burying-ground ; house was rebuilt about 1841 by Wait Stevens, father of Hiram Stevens, of New Haven ; now occupied by a family named Ganung.

THOMAS, 3d oldest son of Thomas 2d, married Abigail ——— and had five children, four daughters and one son, Ephraim G.

Hester married Ephraim Weed.

Rachel married Martin Kellogg of New Fairfield, and afterwards married Deac. Amos Stevens.

Lois married Ezra Starr, of Ballston, N. Y.

Sarah married Wm. Crawford, of Southeast.

Ephraim Gregory, born Sept. 25, 1776, married Sally Benedict of Danbury, Nov. 21, 1802; had one son, Thomas, and two daughters, Fanny, born Aug. 21, 1807, married Levi Clark, Oct. 6, 1824, and settled in Norwalk; Sarah, born May 15, 1811, married Wm. Bears of New Fairfield, April 20, 1831.

Thomas, son of Ephraim G. Stevens, was born Oct. 2, 1803, and married Olivia Clark, Feb. 22, 1832, and died Sept. 4, same year.

Thomas, Jr., born Jan. 26, 1833, married Harriet E. Peck, May 28, 1856, and had one child, Olivia C. Stevens, 1863.

Thomas, Jr., died Sept. 24, 1868, ending the name of Stevens in that branch.

Mill Plain, Danbury, Conn.; lived in house opposite the cemetery.

ELIPHALET, 2d son of Capt. Thomas, was born Apr. 4, 1745, married Abigail Gray, Dec. 7, 1767, and had eight children: Moses, born Aug. 21, 1768; Eliphalet, Jr., born Sept. 23, 1771; Hannah, born 1774, married Asher Morris; Olive, born 1776, married Elijah Morris; Abraham, born Nov. 12, 1779, married Lydia Taylor, April 27, 1801, had two children, died young; John, born Oct. 9, 1792; Lydia, born 1784, married Abraham O. Banks; Abigail, born 1786, married Azor Barber.

Moses, son of Eliphalet, married Polly Shadbolt, Sept. 16, 1795, had seven children: S. Electa, born 1798, married Ebenezer Ferry, June 11, 1817; Harriet, born 1800, married Samuel O. Banks, Oct. 1, 1816; Betsey, born 1802, married Henry Gregory, Dec. 8, 1824; Laura, born 1804, married Daniel Baxter, Nov. 22, 1825; E. Alanson, born Aug. 11, 1806, married

Ann Buxton, 1829, had one daughter, Lucy Ann; Lucy, born 1808, married Charles Stevens, Sept. 18, 1832; Mary, born 1812, married Epaphras Wildman, April 25, 1830.

Eliphalet, 2d son of Eliphalet, born Sept. 23, 1771, married Esther Bennet, Jan. 1, 1811, had two children, son and daughter. The son died young. Hannah, born 1817, married Geo. Morris, Feb. 5, 1834.

Abraham, 3d son of Eliphalet, born Nov. 12, 1779, married Lydia Taylor, April 27, 1801. They had two children both of whom died young.

John, 4th son of Eliphalet, born Oct. 9, 1782, married Sally O. Banks, Oct. 1, 1806. Eliphalet B. was born Sept. 16, 1807; Alby, born Aug. 26, 1809; Caroline, born Jan. 31, 1812, married Frederick Morris, 1832; Clarrissa L. born 1814, married Philo W. Morris, June 5, 1832; Theodore, born Aug. 30, 1817, never married; Benjamin, born April 17, 1820, married Sarah B. Wells of Wethersfield, April 10, 1844, they had no children; Lucius, born Oct. 30, 1823, not married; Francis H. born May 18, 1827, married Mary J. Wells of Wethersfield, had two children, a son and daughter, who died before their father.

Moved from Mill Plain to Bridgeport.

Eliphalet, son of John Stevens, was born Sept. 16, 1807, married Joanna Brush of Southeast, 1829, and had four daughters: Mary E. born 1831, Ann A. born 1833, Sally B. born 1835, Joanna, born 1837. Joanna, his wife, died 1838; he married for his second wife Emily Parrott of Bridgeport, and had five children: John, born 1842, Eliphalet, (died young,) Caroline, (married,) William Francis, Benjamin Wells.

John Stevens, son of Eliphalet, married Sarah Hokirk, had two children: Bessie, born _____, teacher in Bridgeport.

John, born _____, married, lives in Whitestone, L. I.

From the Bridgeport Standard of March 18, 1878.

We are to-day compelled to record the departure of another of Bridgeport's oldest citizens in the decease of Eliphalet B. Stevens, which occurred yesterday morning after only an illness of a few days, from gastric difficulties. Deceased was born in Danbury, in 1807, and came to this city when young, and has made it his home ever since. He was 70 years old, and has been engaged at different periods in a number of different enterprises. He was a prominent member of the Odd Fellows before they surrendered their charter, at which time he was past grand of the Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, and was also high priest of the Encampment and a member of the Grand Lodge. He was a member of the police force under the old order of things, and was for a time captain of the force. He filled the position of jailor for a number of years, and for many years past has been justice of the peace and coroner. It was always a matter of pride with him, that but few of his decisions were reversed in the higher courts. The deceased was a staunch Democrat, and has taken during his life an active part in politics. Frank H. Stevens, the restaurant proprietor, is a brother of the deceased, and has another brother in Brookfield.

Alby, son of John Stevens, was born Aug. 26, 1809, married Sarah A. Scofield, Dec. 23, 1832, had three children: Stephen Scofield, born Feb. 21, 1834, Charles H. born April 9, 1836, Susan, born Feb. 1, 1839.

Alby lived in Mill Plain. Both his sons were in the War of the Rebellion. Charles lived in Bridgeport. Stephen Scofield was killed while carrying messages, as aid to his general.

JAMES, 3d son of Capt. Thomas, was born April 29, 1747, married Hannah Gregory, and had one son, Ira. Hannah, his wife, died 1772. He married for his second wife, Anna Benedict of New Canaan, and had Hannah, born Mar. 27, 1775, married John Holdman, Aug. 13, 1805; Benjamin, born Sept. 9, 1777, died Sept. 29, 1818; Mary, born Aug. 17, 1779, married Peter Andrews, Jan. 3, 1800; Amy, born March 21, 1782, married Ely Benedict, 1812; Annis, born Aug. 29, 1784, married Benjamin Townsend, 1827; Esther, born 1786, died Sept. 20, 1824; James, Jr., born May 6; Oliver, born Oct. 16, 1791.

Ira, son of James Stevens, born 1770, married Rachel Peck, March 21, 1796; their children were, Andrew, born 1799, Han-

nah, born 1802, married ——— Washburn, Mary, born 1804, not married, Frederick, born 1805, married, died 1829, Ezra P. born 1812, married, James, born 1814, William P. born 1816, married.

Ira lived on the hill back of Burchard's store.

Andrew married and had two or three children, in New York city.

Frederick had one daughter.

Ezra had children, one son, W. W., in Danbury.

William had children in Danbury.

James, Jr., born May 6, 1789, married Catherine Marvin of Sharon, Jan. 23, 1814, and had four children, two daughters, two sons: Catherine, born 1815, married Judah Crosby; Sylvia Ann, married ——— Baldwin; Oliver, died when a child; Oliver died when about 17 years old.

Oliver, youngest son of James, born Oct. 16, 1791, married Oct. 16, 1814, Lydia Stevenson, had one son and one daughter who died young.

Died in New Orleans, Aug. 5, 1818.

Alfred, born Sept. 29, 1815, married Mary E. Dennis, Oct. 16, 1840, had one son and two daughters.

Lives in Newmarket, Ontario, Canada.

Oliver, son of Alfred, born April 7, 1842, in Newmarket, Canada.

Oliver died in New Orleans.

Amy Caroline, born June 14, 1844, married Frank McNair, June 13, 1881, who died 1882, and in 1883, married William Frizzell.

Lydia Elizabeth, born May 16, 1850.

Oliver, son of Alfred, married Pheanna Brown, Dec. 14, 1870, had two sons and one daughter.

William B. born Oct. 25, 1871.

Mary E. born April 29, 1874.

Alfred, born July 1, 1878.

JONATHAN, 4th son of Capt. Thomas, born April 20, 1752, married Nov. 22, 1778, Mehetable Benedict, of New Canaan, had six children, Betty, born Nov. 15, 1779, married Stephen Gregory.

Born in Mill Plain, at the old homestead.

Dinah, born Aug. 10, 1781, married Eliad Comes.

Wait, born July 24, 1783.

George, born Sept. 2, 1785.

Rachel, born Oct. 15, 1787, married Ephraim Gregory.

Mehetable, born Jan. 16, 1790, married Robert Fowler.

Wait, son of Jonathan, married Clarinda Birchard, May 4, 1808.

Lived in the old homestead (see Thomas Stevens' account of).

Ezra B. was born Nov. 23, 1810, his mother died August 8, 1811.

Wait married for his second wife, Aphia Stevens, Feb. 4, 1813, and had six children:

Cynthia, born May 5, 1814, married John G. Barton.

Elias B. born Feb. 13, 1816.

Hiram, born March 17, 1818.

Clarinda, born March 13, 1820, died Sept. 18, 1882.

Hermion, born March 26, 1823.

William H. born March 15, 1828, died same year.

Ezra B. son of Wait, married Eliza (Barber) Gillet, May 17, 1835, and for his second wife, Emaline Baldwin, in 1851.

Adaline, born March 4, 1854, died Aug. 18, 1871.

Married third wife, Anna (Abbot) Kinner, 1861.

Ezra lived in Middle District.

Elias B. son of Wait, married Feb. 15, 1843, Elizabeth Cook and had five children:

Horace C. born Dec. 13, 1843.

Elizabeth G. born Nov. 19, 1847, died Aug. 16, 1848.

Joseph C. born Oct. 23, 1849, died Aug. 23, 1851.

Charles H. born March 10, 1851.

Frederick W. born Dec. 16, 1854.

Elizabeth Cook died Nov. 18, 1864.

Married for second wife, Hattie (Griswold) Wheeler.

Charles H. son of Elias B., married Sept. 28, 1882, Fannie S. Bushnell, and have two children: Annie McDonald, born Oct. 19, 1884, and Richard Bushnell, born July 17, 1886.

Charles H. is preaching in West Avon; Congregational minister; P. O. Canton Center, Conn.

Frederick W., son of Elias B., married March 14, 1888, Georgianna Shannon, and have one daughter, Ernestine M., born Jan. 27, 1889.

Resides Port Huron, Michigan; editor.

Horace Cook, son of Elias B., married June, 1868, Elizabeth S. Burns, and had six children. Orange, Conn.

Ida E. born July 18, 1870, married Aug. 3, 1889, Wilbert Welch. Live in Torrington.

Frederick A. born June 8, 1872, died July 22, 1873.

Charles E. born July 2, 1873, Torrington, Conn.

Robert A. born July 20, 1877, Orange, Conn.

Elizabeth C. born Sept. 4, 1880.

Gladys, born April 2, 1886, died Jan. 12, 1890.

Hiram, son of Wait Stevens, married July 2, 1850, Amelia A. Willcox, and had one daughter, Rosalind W. born March 14, 1853, died July 16, 1888.

Lives 498 Orange street, New Haven, Conn.

Married for his second wife, Mariett Richards, Dec. 18, 1861, and had three children:

Carrie A. born March 8, 1864.

William W. born July 8, 1867.

Edwin B. born April 13, 1870.

Hermon, son of Wait, married June 4, 1850, Keziah Gregory, and had four children :

James G. born Jan. 22, 1852, married May '8, 1877, Lizzie Davis, of Livingston Manor, N. Y.

Joseph, born Oct. 1, 1853.

Ezra, born Dec. 6, 1855.

Wilber N. born Feb. 3, 1858.

Lucy, born April 4, 1863.

Wilber N., son of Hermon, married Emma J. Hornbeck, Oct. 1883, has son Chester H. born Oct. 22, 1884.

Lives in Canada.

George, son of Jonathan, married Betsey O. Banks, Sept. 1, 1808, had 9 children. Live in Mill Plain District.

Lois, born June 24, 1809, dead.

Lewis B. born Oct. 11, 1811.

Eveline, born Aug. 25, 1813, married Charles H. Reed, Oct. 16, 1833, had two sons.

Darius, born Nov. 4, 1816, married Mary Reed, Jan. 1, 1845, had one son.

George E. born March 20, 1822.

Betsey M. born Sept. 24, 1824, married Dr. E. F. Hendrick.

Julia A. born Sept. 24, 1828, died 1876.

William H. born Jan. 11, 1833.

Lewis B. son of George, married Jennet Porter, April 22, 1835, had four children :

Mary E. born Oct. 13, 1837. Teaching school in Danbury. (New street.)

Edward P. born April 25, 1840.

Cornelius, born Dec. 2, 1842, died Sept. 28, 1867.

Augusta M. born Sept. 25, 1847, married May 31, 1876, Francis H. Bailey of Danbury, died Jan. 11, 1879.

Lewis B. died March 2, 1878.

All live in Danbury.

Edward P. son of Lewis, married Jan. 1, 1862, Mattie E. Osborn, who died Dec. 13, 1862.

Married second wife, Polly A. Griggs, Dec. 31, 1864.

E. Clayton, born Sept. 21, 1868. Proprietor art store, Danbury, Conn.

Jonathan, son of George, married Clarissa Ely, Feb. 4, 1846.
G. Melville, born Nov. 2, 1846.

Lewis B. born Feb. 3, 1849, married Oct. 11, 1876, Dora Mallory, of New Haven, and died Dec. 23d of same year.

Fanny, born June 18, 1851, married Oct. 11, 1872, William Greeley, had three children.

Harriet E. born March 1, 1856, died Nov. 22, 1888.

G. Elizur, son of George, married Sept. 5, 1846, Clarissa Gage, had three sons. Danbury, Conn.

George E. born April 18, 1848.

Niram, born Aug. 19, 1849.

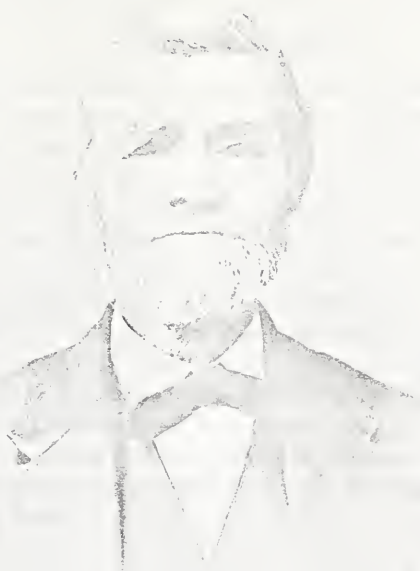
Luzon, born May 4, 1851.

William H. son of George, had three sons:

Lucinda Mallory, Nov. 16, 1859.

George R. born Dec. 18, 1860.

Minettie G. born Nov. 5, 1862.



HIRAM STEVENS,
NEW HAVEN, CONN.

HIRAM STEVENS,

Age 73 years, March 17, 1891 ; lives in New Haven, Conn. A descendant of Thomas Stevens, 1st, (see page 9.)

Born in Millplain District, Danbury; received a district school education, and at the age of sixteen came to New Haven, and was bound an apprentice to C. Willcox & Co., to learn the pattern making trade. After completing his term of service and working two years in Marietta, Ohio, and a year and a half in Boston, Mass., came back to New Haven, and went into business with J. McLagon, in the iron foundry, for a continued term of twenty-five years, on the corner of Whitney ave. and Audubon st. Served for fifteen years as one of the deacons of the Third Congregational Church and also as treasurer of the church, providing for the communion table and the poor of the church, and is now a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of New Haven.

THE BENJAMIN BRANCH.

JOHN G. STEVENS, M. D., first son of Barlow M. Stevens, was born in New Milford, March 2, 1838. He was in the Union Army during the War of the Rebellion, a first Lieutenant, Co. I, 23d Connecticut Volunteers, was taken prisoner at Brashear, La., and confined in a Texas prison for fourteen months. For many years he was proprietor of the Old City Drug Store, in Bridgeport, Conn.

Mr. Stevens married A. Elma Beardsley, (born Aug. 22, 1842,) of Monroe, on May 13, 1868. He is now a practicing physician in that town. They have one daughter, Elma B. Stevens, born July 19, 1871.

HENRY W. STEVENS, second son of Barlow M., was born in New Milford, January 9, 1843, is now in the drug business in Bridgeport, and is considered one of the most proficient pharmacists in the State, having enjoyed a practical experience of nearly thirty years in his chosen profession. He served his country faithfully during the War of the Rebellion, as a private in the 14th Connecticut Volunteers. Was captured and confined in Andersonville Prison. He married Mary E. Stevens, July 3, 1883.

These gentlemen are both sons of Barlow M. Stevens, and descendants in direct line from

First, BENJAMIN, who came to Danbury, about 1700.

Second, EBINEZER.

Third, HEZÆKIAH.

Fourth, ZALMON.

Fifth, BARLOW M.

1st. Benjamin Stevens, son of Thomas, (to whom reference is made on page 9 of this book,) had four sons. Their names were: Ebenezer, Benjamin, Jr., Nathaniel and Thomas.

2d. Ebenezer, first son of Benjamin, had also four sons, whose names were: Ebenezer, Jr., Daniel, Hezekiah and Joseph, and four daughters, named, 1st, Mabel, wife of Wm. Porter; 2d, Mary, wife of Anthony Wanzer; 3d, Jemima, married first Serajah Beardsley, and second David Barnum, the ancestor of Theodore D. Rogers, of Norwalk, Ct., to whom we are indebted for a large portion of the Stevens history. (See p. 5.) And 4th, Esther, wife of Alexander Fairchild.

[NOTE.—See also the Barnum Branch.]

Nathaniel, second son of Benjamin, (see p. 11.)

Benjamin, Jr., third son of Benjamin, lived just over the Danbury line in Ridgefield, on the main road to Brewster's, the first house east of the Millplain depot.

[Mr. Hiram Stevens says that as long ago as he can remember, Mr. Moses Morris lived in this same house, from about 1820 to 1835 or 1836. He also says that the town clerk in Ridgefield informs him of the record of the baptism of Benjamin Jr.'s children; the only record here, however, is of one son, Zachariah.]

Thomas, fourth son of Benjamin, (see p. 9, also p. 28.)

Hezekiah, third son of Ebenezer, and grandson of Benjamin, was born May 27, 1722, married Sarah Barlow, April 27, 1768, died May 12, 1802. She died March 27, 1802. They lived at Brookfield, Ct., and had four children, as follows:

Zalmon, born in Brookfield, Oct. 29, 1769.

Albert, born in Brookfield, Oct. 24, 1774.

Seth, born in Brookfield, July 24, 1778.

Sarah, born in Brookfield, Nov. 14, 1787.

Zalmon married Pauline Walker, Dec. 24, 1795, and died at Brookfield, Sept. 17, 1848. She died Feb. 22, 1804. Their children were :

Lucy, born at Brookfield, Jan. 23, 1798, married P. Hickok, and lived in New York.

Betsey, born at Brookfield, Dec. 1, 1799, married D. Taylor, resides in California.

Solomon W., born at Brookfield, May 27, 1801, married P. Kellogg.

Zalmon's children by his second wife, who was Lydia Williams, were :

Caroline, born at Brookfield, March 4, 1807, married K. Morris, lives in Danbury.

Charles, born in Brookfield, May 2, 1809, unmarried, lives in Bethel.

Barlow M., born in Brookfield, Dec. 23, 1811, was married Oct. 30, 1834, to Laura Fairchild, daughter of Joseph Fairchild.

Almira, born in Brookfield, April 6, 1814, lived in Danbury, has three children.

Eliza, born April 7, 1817, died 1848.

Albert A., born Sept. 11, 1819, lives in Wisconsin, has four children.

Edwin, born Feb. 1, 1822, lives in Monroe, has two children.

George, born Dec. 12, 1826, lives in Danbury, has two children.

Barlow M. Stevens' children were: John G. and Henry W. (see preceding pages,) and Sarah E., born in Bridgeport, April 4, 1850.

CAPT. EBENEZER STEVENS,*

1ST SON OF BENJAMIN, AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS.

Capt. Ebenezer Stevens is the first Stevens mentioned in any records now existing in New Fairfield, and the first mention of him is on the church record in 1744, (two years after the organization of the church there,) from which it appears that he was a member of the church at that time.¹

On a list of members of the church made by Rev. James Taylor, at his installation, March 29, 1758, among other members are "Ebenezer Stevens, Jr., and wife."

On the Society records there is mention of him, always as *Capt. Ebenezer Stevens*, at different times down to 1767, except that once he is entitled *Deacon Ebenezer Stevens*.

In Danbury Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 37, is a record of his will, which is as follows, *verbatim et literatim* :

In the name of God, Amen : This 31st day of October, in the year of our Lord Christ A. D. 1765, I, Ebenezer Stevens, of New Fairfield, in the County of Fairfield, and Colony of Connecticut, in New England, being advanced into years, but of sound mind and memory, thanks to God therefor, and knowing it is appointed for all men once for to die, and not knowing how soon or sudden my departure out

* Benjamin Stevens, father of Capt. Ebenezer, is *supposed* to have come to Danbury about 1700. His wife's name was Hannah. He had four sons: Ebenezer, Benjamin, Jr., Nathaniel and Thomas. In a deed from his father in 1720, Thomas is called his 4th and youngest son. Ebenezer, in a deed, Dec. 9, 1722, conveys land which he had from his father, at Mill Plain, and also land at Pocono, to his brother Thomas.

¹ Capt. Ebenezer Stevens was disciplined and expelled from the church in 1743 or 1744, for intemperate remarks concerning Rev. Benajah Case, and criticism of his doctrines, but in the list of members of the church, March 29, 1758, among others, is "the wife of Capt. Stevens," and "Ebenezer Stevens, Jr., and wife."

of this life may be, do make and ordain this, my last will and testament; and first and principally—

I give and recommend my precious and immortal soul to God who gave it, and my body to the earth at death, to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named, not doubting but at the General Resurrection, by the Power of Almighty God I shall again receive the same.

And as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, in this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form, after my just debts and funeral charges are paid, which I order to be done by my executors in convenient time out of my estate.

Item. I give and bequeath to my dear and well beloved wife Esther,¹ the use and improvement of all my estate, both real and personal, during her natural life, and as much of sd estate for her to dispose of, as she shall need for a comfortable subsistence while she lives

Item. I give and bequeath to my loving sons, namely, Ebenezer Stevens, Daniel Stevens, Hezekiah Stevens, and Joseph Stevens, and to their heirs and assigns forever, three-quarters of all the remaining part of my estate, both real and personal, after the decease of my sd wife, to be equally divided among them.

Item. I give and bequeath to my loving daughters, namely, Mabel, the wife of William Porter, Mary, the wife of Anthony Wanzer, Jemimah, widow and relict to Serajah Beardslee, late dec'd, and Esther, the wife of Alexander Fairchild, all the rest, or the other quarter of my estate, both real and personal, after the decease of my sd wife as aforesaid, to be equally divided among them and their heirs and assigns forever.

And lastly, I appoint and constitute my aforesaid sons, Eben'r, Daniel, Hezekiah and Joseph, to be the executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making null and void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore had and made, holding and establishing this and this only to be my last will and testament.

¹ Capt. Ebenezer Stevens' wife Esther was not his first wife and not the mother of all of his children, though probably the mother of some of them. His first wife's christian name was Mehitabel, and she was the mother of Capt. Ebenezer's daughter Jemima.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

EBENEZER STEVENS, [a seal.]

Signed, sealed, published and declared
by the said Ebenezer Stevens, to be his
last will and testament.

In presence of
SILAS HAMILTON.
STEPHEN TROWBRIDGE.
ABIJAH BARNUM.

Silas Hamilton, witness to the foregoing will, lived where Amzi Barnum resided in 1885, and was father-in-law of Abijah Barnum, who had married his daughter Orpha, Oct. 20, 1763.

There is nothing on the probate records concerning any inventory, distribution, or settlement of the estate. As the will was proved in the probate court, May 3, 1768, the testator had of course, died a little previous to that time.

It is not certainly known in what part of the town he lived.

Ebenezer Stevens, Jr., is first mentioned on Society Records in 1761, and is always named as *Junior* after that until about 1767.

Daniel Stevens is mentioned in Society Records in 1763, '64 and 1767.

Hezekiah Stevens is first mentioned (Society Records) in 1755, and after 1759 is always entitled *Sergt.* Perhaps gained the title in the old French War.

Joseph Stevens, first mentioned in Society Records Sept. 8, 1767, when he was appointed, at a Society meeting, "one of the *quorristers* to lead in singing psalms in publick."

He rented a pew in the church in 1794, and on Oct. 29, 1795, when the pews were again being rented, "the free use of the pew rented to Joseph Stevens last year, now deceased," is given "to his family for the year to come."

Of the four sons of Capt. Ebenezer Stevens, the probate records show no will made by any of them, except that of Joseph.

Neither is there record of any distribution or settlement of the estate of either of the other three; nor is there to be found in the church records (many leaves of which are lost,) any record of marriage of either of the four.

Ebenezer Stevens, Jr., however, married Silence Barnum, a daughter of Abel Barnum, (date not known,) of New Fairfield, as appears by the distribution of said Abel Barnum's estate, Jan. 28, 1800, recorded in the 7th volume of Danbury Probate Records.

This Ebenezer, Jr., had a son Ebenezer.

Abel Barnum lived near Squou's Pond, it is supposed where Norris Nickerson now lives. He was a grandson of Thomas Barnum, one of the first 8 settlers of Danbury, 1684, who came to Danbury from Norwalk in that year, bringing with him five sons, and this Thomas Barnum was the ancestor of all the Barnums in Fairfield County, and probably of all the Barnums in America.*

It would also seem from said distribution of Abel Barnum's estate, that Daniel Stevens also married a daughter of Abel Barnum, as a share of Abel Barnum's estate is set off by the distributors to Abel Barnum's "granddaughter Sarah, daughter of the deceased wife of Daniel Stevens."

It is probable that Daniel Stevens had married a second wife as it is known that he had at least three sons, (as will appear farther on,) who, if grandsons of Abel Barnum, would have been legal heirs, as was his granddaughter Sarah, yet Sarah is the only child of Daniel Stevens mentioned in the distribution.

The three sons of Daniel Stevens were Amos, Daniel, Jr., and Reuben. The last was father of Levi Stevens. Widow Louisa Barnum knew them all—Deacon Amos Stevens and his brothers Daniel and Reuben.

Daniel Stevens, Jr., was father of Dimon Stevens, who married a daughter of Forward Stevens.

* See Rev. Thomas Robbins' Century Sermon at Danbury, in 1801.

Mr. Ezra Stevens, now (1885) living on the former homestead of his grandfather, Deacon Amos Stevens, has in his possession deeds from Daniel Stevens, (son of Capt. Ebenezer,) to his "loving son, Amos Stevens."

Daniel (father of Amos,) lived and died at the place, afterwards the homestead of Capt. Elias Stevens.

One of the brothers of Daniel, (either Ebenezer or Joseph, not known which,) lived in a house long since torn down, near Daniel's house, down the hill to the west, toward the brook.

Serg't Hezekiah Stevens, son of Capt. Ebenezer, lived just over the line in Brookfield, at the place owned afterwards by Lemuel Northrop. He had one son Abner, and another, Hezekiah, Jr., who lived in New Milford.

Joseph (the only son of Capt. Ebenezer whose will is found recorded at Danbury,) made his will May 24, 1794, and it was proved July 24, 1795. In it he mentions his wife Hepzibah, his daughter Mary,* wife of Thomas Seattle, and two grandchildren, viz: "Joseph Stevens Adams and Mary Patterson Adams, children of my daughter Naomi, deceased, and her husband Reuben Adams, of Newtown."

Jemima, Capt. Ebenezer Stevens' daughter, mentioned in his will as "widow and relict to Serajah Beardslee," was born Dec. 6, 1734. Her first husband, Beardslee, died a little before 1758, as his inventory was filed in the probate office, Dec. 31, 1757. There were two children by her first husband, Beardslee, named Theodorus and Patty. Theodorus died a young man, in the army, in the Revolutionary War, and Patty died at 18 years of age.

Before her two children died, the widow Jemima, on March 22, 1768, married David Barnum of New Fairfield. She was

* This daughter Mary, wife of Thomas Seattle, had three husbands, first, one Barrett, then Thomas Seattle, and lastly, one Squires. She had no children. In her latter days she was known as Aunt Molly Squires. She was a most excellent woman, and uncommonly talented and intellectual.

his second wife. Their children were Serajah B., Samuel T., Ebenezer, and a twin sister, Mehitabel, (who died when a child,) Jemima (who married Lyman Wheeler,) and Thaddeus, and two others, who died young.

Jemima died March 14, 1824, nearly 90 years old. Her daughter Jemima Wheeler, lived to the age of 99 years and 1 day.

A BARNUM BRANCH

OF THE

STEVENS FAMILY.

FIRST GENERATION.

Thomas Stevens who died in Darien, in 1658, had sons, Obadiah, Thomas, Benjamin, Joseph and Ephraim.

SECOND GENERATION.

Benjamin Stevens married Hannah ———, lived in Darien, Hop Grounds, (Bedford,) and Danbury, and had sons, Ebenezer, (supposed to be oldest son,) Benjamin, Jr., Nathaniel and Thomas, who was the youngest.

Benjamin Stevens, the elder, lived on the east side of Main street, Danbury, between Rev. Mr. Shove on the north of him, and Lieut. Daniel Benedict south of him. His wife Hannah, died Oct. 31, 1730. He is supposed to have died in 1746. Whether they had any daughters, or who they married, is not known.

THIRD GENERATION.

Ebenezer Stevens (date of birth unknown,) married for first wife, Mehitabel Peck of New Haven, daughter of Benjamin and Mary [Sperry] Peck, of New Haven, and granddaughter of Henry Peck, one of the first settlers of New Haven—date of their marriage not known.

His children were Ebenezer, Jr., Daniel, Hezekiah, Joseph, Mabel, (married Wm. Porter of Danbury,) Mary, (married Anthony Wanzer of New Fairfield,) Jemima, (married first, Serajah Beardsley of New Fairfield, and afterward David Barnum of New Fairfield,) and Esther, (married Alexander Fairchild of New Fairfield). The dates of birth of all these eight children is unknown.

Ebenezer Stevens' first wife died and he afterwards married Esther ———. His will is dated Oct. 31, 1765, and recorded in Danbury Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 37.

This Ebenezer Stevens removed from Danbury to New Fairfield about 1740, was the first justice of the peace in the new town of New Fairfield, and had before been captain of the Danbury militia company. He was a prominent man in New Fairfield, and a large landowner.

FOURTH GENERATION.

Jemima, daughter of Capt. Ebenezer Stevens, married, first, Serajah Beardsley, a descendant of William Beardsley, one of the first settlers of Stratford. Afterwards she married David Barnum of New Fairfield, March 22, 1768. This David Barnum was descended from Thomas Barnum, one of the first eight settlers of Danbury in 1684, and who had previously lived in Norwalk, and before that in Fairfield,—David being the son of Nathan Barnum of Danbury and afterward of New Fairfield, grandson of Francis Barnum of Danbury, and great-grandson of Thomas Barnum of Fairfield, Norwalk and Danbury.

The children of David and Jemima [Stevens] Barnum were, Serajah B. Barnum, born Nov. 30, 1768—(this Serajah B. married Rachel, daughter of Ajah Stevens of Brookfield, and grand daughter of Benjamin and Anna [Bearss] Stevens)—Samuel Towner Barnum, born Nov. 18, 1769; Mehitabel and Ebenezer, twins, born Oct. 31, 1772; Jemima, married Lyman Wheeler of New Fairfield, born May 12, 1775, and Thaddeus, born Feb. 6, 1779, married Abigail, daughter of Eli Stevens of New Fairfield, and granddaughter of Ezra Stevens, Pembroke.

FIFTH GENERATION.

Samuel Towner Barnum married Alice Nash, daughter of Eliakim Nash of Wilton; the date of their marriage is lost. They had only two children, twins, David and Betsey, born April 27, 1794.

SIXTH GENERATION.

Betsey Barnum married Amzi Rogers of New Fairfield, Sept. 22, 1814. Amzi Rogers, born Dec. 17, 1793, was son of Rev. Medad Rogers of New Fairfield, a native of Branford, Conn., grandson of Josiah Rogers, Jr., of Branford, great-grandson of Josiah Rogers, Sen., of Branford, great-great-grandson of Noah Rogers, who came from Huntington, L. I., to Branford, and great-great-great-grandson of William and Ann Rogers, who were in Jamaica, L. I., [first settlers there in 1644,] afterwards in Southampton, L. I., and afterwards among the first settlers of Huntington, L. I., 1655, where William Rogers died about 1656, and his widow, Ann, in 1669.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

Children of Amzi and Betsey [Barnum] Rogers, were:
David B. Rogers, born July 27, 1815, now residing in Danbury.
Samuel T., born April 30, 1820, now residing in Bridgeport.

Theodore D., born June 10, 1822, now residing in Norwalk.

Ann E., born Oct. 16, 1826, now deceased.

Emily L., born March 6, 1831, now residing in Norwalk.

Harriet A., born Aug. 24, 1837, now residing in Norwalk.

Samuel T. Rogers, second son of Col. Amzi Rogers and Betsey Barnum Rogers, born April 30, 1820, married Cornelia Hepzibah Bulkley, second daughter of Dr. Sturges Bulkley and Nancy Shelton Bulkley, born Nov. 26, 1827; married Sept. 8, 1859. Their children were:

Cornelia H. B. Rogers, born Jan. 21, 1862.

Sara Bulkley Rogers, born April 12, 1864.

Samuel T. Rogers, Jr., born Feb. 13, 1866, died Aug. 17, 1866.

Miriam Nancy Shelton Bulkley Rogers, born June 17, 1868.

Theodore D. Rogers, (7th generation from Benjamin Stevens of Danbury,) was admitted to the Fairfield County Bar, practiced law for some years in Danbury, Conn., removed to California in 1852, and practiced law several years in San Francisco, afterwards resided four or five years in New York, and about nine years in Chicago, and about twenty years ago returned to his native town, New Fairfield, Conn. Afterwards traveled extensively in the United States, Canada, and Central America. Besides being a Rogers, a Barnum and a Stevens, he has also in his ancestry the names of Taintor, Goodsell, Frisbie, Peck, Herault, Baldwin, Nash, Whitlock, Sperry, Lindall, St. John, Clement, Lockwood, and Hoyt. He is now [1890] a resident in Norwalk, Conn.



THEO. D. ROGERS,
NORWALK, CONN.

SKETCH OF MILL PLAIN.

Mill Plain is situated from two and one-half to four miles miles west of the borough of Danbury, and contains about one thousand acres, bounded on the south by Lake Kenosia and river, the lake covering, probably, about 250 acres. Sixty years ago it was well stocked with fish, and was a favorite resort for miles around in the winter season for fishing through the ice. Mill Plain derived its name, it is said, from a mill situated about a quarter of a mile east from the Danbury fair grounds. The dam was raised so high that it flooded the swamps by the river and lake, and caused fever and ague in Mill Plain and Miry Brook.

The people remonstrated in vain. After enduring the nuisance for a long time with no prospect of its abatement, the elements came to their relief, for one winter's night the mill took fire, little remaining in the morning but ashes. A man's tracks were found going to the mill, but none coming away, still no one was supposed to have perished in the flames. Shrewd people attributed these tracks to a resident of Miry Brook, but few were inclined to condemn the means when, as the result the water found its original level and health was restored.

The first house built in Mill Plain stood on the corner of the lot opposite the cemetery, and was built by Nathaniel Stevens, probably about 1720, and was not rebuilt. The next was built by his brother Thomas, about 1725, on the south side of the road west of the cemetery, and was rebuilt about 1825. Mr. Keeler is the present owner.

Then the house on the north side of the road was built in 1740, for Capt. Thomas Stevens, and for years was used as a tavern. Some of your readers will doubtless remember the old

horse shed which stood at the west end of the house, and which sheltered many a traveler from thunder showers. The original materials of this shed were in use for purposes of shelter for over 100 years, and until a quite recent date. The old house, having done good service for a century, was rebuilt in 1841, by Wait Stevens. After a few years it was sold to Mr. Ganung, the present occupant.

Probably the next house was that built by Jonah Weed, a few feet east of where Charles Fowler's house now stands. It was occupied successively by Ephraim Weed, Abraham Banks, Thomas Knapp and Robert Fowler. The latter, in 1839, built the house his son Charles now occupies.

About 1768, Eliphalet Stevens built a house just east of the cemetery, where his son Abram afterward lived. James, the brother of Eliphalet, built his house about the same time at the upper end of the plain, the first one east of the school-house. The one now standing there was built by his son James, was afterwards owned by Judah Crosby, and at present by James Osborn.

Next east lived John Stevens, and about half a mile further (a few rods north of the upper railroad crossing,) was George Stevens. Still further over lived Eliphalet 2d.

One house not mentioned was that of Moses Stevens, a few rods west of the lower railroad crossing, which was built about 1796, and rebuilt by his son-in-law Daniel Baxter, in 1847. It was afterwards sold to Thomas Stevens 5th.

The house opposite was built about the same time by Brush Sears. The house east of the lower railway crossing was built by the late Charles H. Reed, in 1834, who there worked at his trade of shoemaking. Later, Zopher Keeler built a house for himself at the lower end of the plain.

From 1810 to 1830, Mill Plain might be said to be in the height of its prosperity. This was at least true of its Stevens population, for within a little over a mile east of the school-

house lived eight families of that name, all cousins. But what a change! Where are they now? The old people died, the girls married and were taken away, and the boys preferred trades to farming, so that there is now not one of the original Stevens' left in the village. There is one family bearing the name, but not of Mill Plain stock.

The town of Danbury did not originally extend to the New York state line. The western part of what is now known as Mill Plain was formerly in the town of Ridgefield. This part went by the name of "The Hollow," and formed a little settlement by itself, comprising a tavern, blacksmith, hat shop and about half a dozen houses.

Birchard's store, though at the western boundary of old-time Mill Plain, was still its commercial center, and had quite a wide reputation. It was one of the first stores to put out shirts for making, and the women used to come from far and near to get the work, taking goods from the store in payment.

There were several shoe shops, where, besides custom work, shoes were made for a firm in New Canaan. This comprised about all the manufacturing interests of the place, most of the energy being devoted to farming.

Railways were young sixty years ago, and had not proved their value to the community. It was not strange, therefore, that the quiet dwellers on the plain should have been quite a little disturbed when, about that time, a line was surveyed through their place very near where the present railway is located. The audacity of the surveyors in staking this course through a neighbor's dooryard, so excited the staid farmers that they could not sleep nights. The stage-coach was quite good enough for them. But they were spared the realization of these anticipated troubles.

With stage lines they were well provided: there were three; one to Poughkeepsie twice a week, another to Newburgh three times a week and a daily one to Sing Sing. The latter, a four

horse Concord coach was a grand affair, and the small boys may be pardoned for watching for its daily coming with never-failing interest.

About the year 1830 a turnpike was opened from South-East to Norwalk, by the construction of a road from the cemetery across the Kenosia river at the lower end of the lake, to Miry Brook. This gave easy access to the lake, and for a time it was quite a popular resort.

Last to be mentioned, but not least in its relation to the people, was the schoolhouse. The district included some twenty-five families. Several buildings did service, all stationed near the present site. One was burned, the others succumbed to the wear and tear of active hands and feet.

Here grim warfare was carried on year after year with Webster, Daboll, Murray and the goose-quill, not to mention the birch-rod, which grew conveniently near, and was by no means an optional in those days.

A NATIVE.

DANIEL STEVENS,

OF NEW FAIRFIELD, AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

Beginning with Benjamin Stevens, of Darien, as the 1st generation, Daniel Stevens was of the 4th generation, as follows: 1, Thomas, 2, Benjamin, 3, Capt. Ebenezer, and 4, Daniel.

When or whom he married is unknown. He had four children, Reuben, Daniel, Jr., Abiah, who married John Trowbridge, and Amos. Reuben had a son, Levi, who was a farmer in New Fairfield, and married Betsey, daughter of Gideon Beardsley, a son, Eben, who resided in Norwalk, and a daughter who married Truman Richmond, of New Milford, and another daughter who married Isaac Hopkins. Nothing is known of Daniel, Jr. He probably took Greeley's advice and went west when a young man.

Deacon Amos Stevens, of the 5th generation, son of Daniel, was born in 1756, and died June 18, 1840, aged 84 years. His first wife, mother of his six children was born in 1759, and died Sept. 12, 1814. Date of marriage not known. Their children were, 1, Annie, married William Gray, and afterwards Samuel T. Barnum. She had no children. 2, Elias, born May 2, 1785. 3, Hannah, married Benjamin Taylor of New Fairfield, and removed to Rochester, N. Y., and had children, Ezra, Marianna, and others. 4, Affa, married Wait Stevens, of Mill Plain, Danbury. 5, Chloe, married Hiram Paddock, of Southeast, N. Y., and had one son, Warren Paddock, who married Elizabeth Reed. 6, Irene, unmarried, died in February, 1872, aged 80.

Deacon Amos Stevens was regularly commissioned as a captain in the teaming or transportation service in the Revolutionary War. His commission, with many marching orders and many other interesting papers and letters of that period, were destroyed by fire after his death.

Capt. Elias Stevens, 6th generation, son of Deacon Amos, born May 2, 1785, married Lucy, daughter of Forward Stevens of Danbury. Her father was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, going into the service at about 16 years of age, and was at one time a prisoner to the British in the prison ship in New York harbor.

Elias and Lucy Stevens were married February 5, 1806.

Their children were, 1, Amos Russel, born March 18, 1807. 2, Julia Ann, born Dec. 29, 1808, married Alanson Knapp, and died in Mobile, Jan. 29, 1839. 3, Eveline, born Jan. 15, 1812, married Asahel Mead, Sept. 28, 1831, and had one son, George U. Mead, now residing in Texas; afterwards married Nathaniel Selleck, had two children, Howard and Eugene, and died in March, 1877. 4, George, married Adeline Sternberg, in July, 1850, and died in August, 1875, leaving no children. 5, Ezra, born Aug. 21, 1817. 6, Maria, born Jan. 27, 1821, married to Hiram Paddock of Southeast, in December, 1863, no children. 7, Chloe, born Feb. 16, 1823, unmarried. 8, Elijah, born Feb. 23, 1825, married Charlotte Caldwell, March 16, 1848, had one son, Frederick. 9, David, born April 14, 1827, married Judith Haviland, Aug. 20, 1848, no children, resides in Syracuse, N.Y. 10, Sarah Elizabeth, born Dec. 19, 1831, married Gilbert Haviland, October, 1855, and died October, 1865, leaving two daughters.

Capt. Elias died May 11, 1851, his wife Lucy died Nov. 5, 1868.

Amos Russell Stevens, 7th generation, son of Elias, born March 18, 1807, married Nov. 1830, Lavina, daughter of Jesse Scudder of New Fairfield. She died Sept. 30, 1841, leaving one son, Hiram Jesse, now residing in Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. A. R. Stevens, afterward, Aug. 3, 1842, married Betsey Riggs, of Oxford, Conn. Their children are: 1, Harriet Lavina, born June 23, 1843, and died May 1846. 2, Henry H., born Feb. 21, 1846. 3, Mary J., born March 19, 1848. 4, Adelina G., born Dec. 1, 1851, married Oct. 29, 1872, to Geo.

H. Adams, of Pawling, N. Y. 5, David R., born May 5, 1855, and died April , 1861. 6, Lucy M., born Sept. 13, 1859.

Hiram J., 8th generation, son of Amos R., born Jan. 14, 1882, married Elizabeth Kellogg, of Ridgefield, Conn., and has three children: Estella, William and Jennie.

Henry H., 8th generation, son of Amos R., born Feb. 21, 1846, married Sarah E. Pulling, of Danbury, Oct. 20, 1868, and resides at Western, Salina, Co., Nebraska. Their children are: David R., Harry, Paul, Bessie, Ruby and George.

Ezra Stevens, 7th generation, son of Elias, born Aug. 21, 1817, married Mary, daughter of Hiram Taylor, of Brookfield, Conn., a lincal descendant of Thomas Taylor, one of the first settlers of Danbury. They were married Feb. 17, 1847. They had three children: James T., Elias and Huldah. James T. was murdered in Texas, in September, 1884, and Elias died Oct. 6, 1889, in consequence of a kick from a horse. They were most worthy young men, of good character and ability, and excellent qualities in every way, who deserved and received the affection and regard of all who knew them. Both were unmarried. Their father, Ezra Stevens, resides on the homestead of his grandfather, Deacon Amos, in the southeast corner of New Fairfield, Conn.

DEED—BENJAMIN STEVENS, 1726. C.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, Benjamin Stevens, of Danbury, in the County of Fairfield, and Colony of Connecticut, in New England, for and in consideration of my natural affection unto my son Thomas Stevens of the same town, and for divers good causes and considerations, me love unto moving, and more especially for a bond of fifty pounds and of equal date with these presents, conditioned for the earnest performance of certain payments therein specified to me and my beloved wife during y^e term of our natural lives, the receipt whereof I hereby acknowledge to my full content and satisfaction, have given, granted, and doth by these presents, I say that I have and do give, grant, bargain, sell, make over, convey and confirm unto my son, Thomas Stevens, these several messages and parcels of land as follows, viz: one piece of upland, containing two acres and a rood, be it more or less, situate in Danbury aforesaid, in the common field lying on Town Hill, so called, bounded easterly and westerly by highway, northerly by Mr. Shove, southerly by Lieut. Benedick's land; also, my first division lot of meadow, containing one acre, be the same more or less, lying in the said field, bounded easterly by Muddy Brook, westerly partly by highway, and part by land of the estate of John Pickit, northerly by the Mill River, southerly by Samuel Benedick's first division; also, my little lot and fourth division lot of meadow, containing by estimation two acres and a half, be it more or less, lying in said field, bounded easterly by common land, westerly by the river, northerly by land of my son, Nathaniel Stevens, southerly by Lieut. Kray's land in part, and in part by common land or highway; also three acres and a half of land, be it more or less, lying at Hathstone Hill, within said field, bounded easterly, westerly and northerly by his own land, and southerly by land of Lieut. Samuel Hoyt, and also, with land which I hold to my adjoining lot in said field, bounded as may be seen by said Danbury book of Records, together with all the estate, right, title and interest to have therein, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto, to have and to hold to him, the said Nathaniel Stevens, to his heirs and assigns, to his and their own proper use and benefit, as a full, absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance forever. And furthermore, I, the said Benjamin Stevens, for me and my heirs, do covenant and promise to and with the said Thomas Stevens, and his heirs and assigns, that he and they shall quietly and peaceably have, hold and enjoy the above granted premises without let or molestation from any person or persons whatsoever, that shall lay any legal claim thereunto or any part thereof forever.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this twenty-ninth day of November, Anno Dom. 1726.

BENJAMIN STEVENS.

Signed and sealed in presence of
SETH SHOVE.
MATTHEW BENEDICK.

Danbury, November y^e 29th, 1726.

Benjamin Stevens, subscriber to the above written instrument, personally appeared and acknowledged to be his free act and deed before me.

JOHN GREGORY,
Justice of Peace.

HIGHWAY, 1727. M.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, Nathanael Stevens, Thomas Stevens and Stephen Curtiss, each of us, of ye town of Danbury, in ye County of Fairfield, and Colony of Connecticut, in New England, having lands lying nigh together near ye Millplain, in ye Township of Danbury aforesaid, for divers good considerations, especially for ye benefit and advantage of each one of us, do for ourselves and our heirs and assigns, mutually agree, bargain and grant an highway for us and our heirs, beginning near ye southwestern part of said Nathaniel Stevens' swamp land that lies easterly from ye Rattle Hill, a little westerly of a small run or little brook, and so going across to small brook southeasterly, going a little westerly of ye southeasterly corner of Curtiss' old ten acres, and then turning a little southeasterly to ye brow of ye hill, thence running throu. ye northwest corner of said Nathaniel Stevens' land, crooked to said Stephen Curtiss' land; and ye said Thomas Stevens doth hereby grant and confirm unto ye said Stephen Curtiss about eleven acres, including in it part of Apple Swamp, so called. Said eleven acres bounded, south by ye highway, east by said Nathanael Stevens, north, part by land said Stephen Curtiss now lets to Thomas Stevens have and part by ye highway, west by said Thomas Stevens' other land, and ye said Stephen Curtiss doth hereby grant and confirm to ye said Thomas Stevens a like quantity of about eleven acres, lying more northerly from ye aforesaid named eleven acres, bounded easterly by ye aforesaid named highway, a little part northerly by said Nathanael Stevens, northwesterly by said Thomas Stevens, southwesterly by a reserved highway, which said highway is part of; southerly by said Thomas Stevens in part, and partly by land of Thomas Stevens now let said Stephen Curtiss have,—the above said highway, and the above said land with ye small alteration in said Nathanael Stevens' land at his northwest corner, to be, remain and abide as they are now agreed upon, and by themselves staked out.

We say that we, ye above named Nathanael Stevens, Thomas Stevens and Stephen Curtiss, do jointly and severally for ourselves and our heirs, covenant, promise and agree, to and with each other, to have and to hold, use, improve, possess and enjoy, with the appurtenances thereto, free and clear, sure and firm, to all intents and purposes, to each and every of us, and our heirs, jointly and severally, and each particular above mentioned, as firmly as it might or could in any other manner or form have been drawn, and we do for ourselves and our heirs jointly and severally covenant, promise and engage to warrant and defend each one's right and interest against all claims whatsoever forever.

Witness our hands and seals, this 20th day of February, Anno Dom. 1727-8.

NATHANIEL STEVENS, [SEAL.]
THOMAS STEVENS. [SEAL.]
STEPHEN CURTISS, [SEAL.]

Signed and sealed in presence of
MOSES BRAY.

f EBENEZER HICKOK.

Danbury, February ye 20th, 1727-8.

Nathanael Stevens and Thomas Stevens and Stephen Curtiss, subscribers to the above written instrument, personally appeared and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed before me.

JOHN GREGORY,
Justice of Peace.

DEED.--NATHANIEL STEVENS, 1734. R.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, Nathaniel Stevens, Sen., of Danbury, in Fairfield County and Colony of Connecticut, in New England, for and in consideration of other land made over to me by a firm deed, under the hand and seal of my brother, Thomas Stevens, of the Town, County and Colony aforesaid, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge to be a full price paid to me, on this, in trust, to my content and full satisfaction, have bargained, sold, and by these presents have and do freely, fully and absolutely grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey and confirm to him, the said Thomas Stevens, and to his heirs and assigns, one certain piece of land situated in said Danbury Township, lying by the easterly side of Tuttle Hill, so called, combining by estimation, eight acres or thereabouts, as it is contained within these following boundaries: the nor'west corner being a point: beginning there at a red oak shade, marked with stones laid to it, and from thence running southeasterly to a great rock, with stones laid thereon; and from thence running southeasterly to a certain walnut tree, an old boundary, with stones laid thereto, and marked; and from said walnut tree running westerly to a white oak tree marked, and stones laid thereto; and from said white oak tree, running northerly to the first mentioned red oak shade; thus it is bounded, southerly and westerly by said Thos. Stevens' land, and northeasterly by my other land. To have and to hold, with all privileges and appurtenances to the same in anywise appertaining, to him, the said Thos. Stevens, and to his heirs and assigns, to his and their only use, benefit and behoof forever; and I, the said Nathanael Stevens, for me and my heirs, do covenant with the said Thos. Stevens, his heirs and assigns, that at and until the ensealing hereof, I am well seized of the above bargained premises in my own right, and have in myself good right, full power and lawful authority, to bargain and sell the same in manner and form as is above written, and that the same is free from all incumbrances whatsoever. And further, I, the said Nathanael Stevens, do by these presents, firmly bind and oblige myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, to secure the above granted premises, said land and appurtenances, to the said Thos. Stevens, and to his heirs and assigns, against all legal claims and demands of any other person or persons whatsoever, and the same to warrant and defend.

Witness my hand and seal to these presents, this twenty-second day of March, Anno Dom. 1733-4.

NATHANAEL STEVENS, [SEAL.]

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

JOHN GREGORY.

SAMUEL GREGORY.

Danbury, March ye 22d, 1734.

Nathanael Stevens, subscriber to the above written instrument, personally appeared, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed before me.

JOHN GREGORY,

Justice of Peace.

John W. Jones

BENJAMIN STEVENS TO HIS BROTHER THOMAS, 1734.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come—Greeting :

KNOW YE, That I, Benjamin Stevens, of Danbury, in Fairfield County, in His Majesty's Colony of Connecticut, in New England, for and in consideration of forty and eight pounds of money in hand received, being well and duly paid before the en- sealing and delivering hereof, to my content and full satisfaction, by my brother, Thomas Stevens, of the same Town, County and Colony, above named, and there- fore have sold and alienated from me and my heirs, and by these presents I say, that I have and do fully, freely, firmly and absolutely grant, bargain sell, make over, convey and confirm to him, the said Thomas Stevens, and to his heirs and assigns, a certain tract of land lying up the Brook that comes from the Second Pond, and on both sides of the western line of said Danbury Township. Some of it being part of that land I bought of the Country, lying upon the western side of Danbury Township and joining to said western bounds, and some of it lying with- in said Danbury Township and joining to said western bound ; said line running through said tract of land, and said tract of land is contained within these follow- ing battments and boundaries, and it is all comprehended herein, be it in quanti- ty, as to number of acres, what it will.

The northeasterly corner of said tract of land is a popple tree, marked, standing in the gutter, with stones laid thereto ; and from said popple tree, running westerly to an heap of stones, which is a boundary betwixt this land and land of Captain John Starr ; and from said heap of stones, which is the northwesterly corner there- of, running southerly by said Capt. Starr's land to a range stake bitedh down with stones, laid thereto ; and from said range stake, running southerly by Capt. Starr's land, to a rock with a stone or something upon it, which is the southwesterly cor- ner thereof ; a little beyond the Great Spring, so called, and from said rock run- ning easterly by Capt. Starr's land to said Danbury western line, and to said Thomas Stevens' nor'west corner of a piece of his land lying near it, and so run- ning still easterly by the said Thomas Stevens' land to the highway, which is the southeasterly corner of this aforesaid tract of land ; and from said southeasterly corner running northerly, as the fence now runs, by the side of the highway, to the first mentioned popple tree. All said northeast corner, so that said tract of land is bounded northerly by Ridgefield land, westerly by Capt. Starr's land, southerly, partly by Capt. Starr's land and partly by said Thomas Stevens' land, and easterly by said highway.

To have and to hold, with all privileges and appurtenances to the same, be- longing, or in any wise thereunto appertaining, to him, the said Thomas Stevens and to his heirs and assigns, this and their only life benefit and behoof forever. And I, the said Benjamin Stevens, for me and my heirs, do covenant with him, my said brother, Thomas Stevens, his heirs and assigns, that at and until the en sealing and delivery hereof, I am well seized of the above granted and bargained prem- ises, as a good freehold, absolute and indefeasible estate, of inheritance forever, and have in myself good right, full power and lawful authority to bargain and sell the same in manner and form as it is above written, and that the same is free from all encumbrances whatsoever. And furthermore, I, the said Benjamin Stevens, do by these presents, firmly bind and oblige myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, to warrant, secure and defend the above demised, bargained and granted premises, to him, my said brother, Thomas Stevens, and to his heirs and assigns, against the lawful claim and demand of any other person or persons whatsoever, that shall lay any legal claim thereunto or to any part thereof, forever.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto put my hand and seal, this thirtieth day of April, Anno. Dom. 1734.

BENJAMIN STEVENS.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

JOHN GREGORY.

ALEXANDER RESSEYNE, Jr.

DANBURY, April ye 30th, 1734.

Benjamin Stevens, signer and sealer of this instrument, personally appeared, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed before me.

JOHN GREGORY, Justice of the Peace.

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Dearborn Sept 10th 1799
 Dear Sir
 I have the honor to receive your letter of the 8th inst.
 in relation to the purchase of a lot of land in the town of
 Dearborn for the purpose of erecting a school house
 for the use of the children of the town. I have the honor
 to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and to inform
 you that the same has been forwarded to the selectmen
 of the town for their consideration. I am, Sir, very
 respectfully,
 Yours, &c.
 John Gregory

